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H.Res. 1258 - Expressing support for designation of May 2010 as Mental Health Month (*Napolitano, D-CA*)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Monday, May 24, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1258 would resolve that the House of Representatives:

- “Supports the designation of Mental Health Month in order to place emphasis on scientific facts and findings regarding mental health and to remove the stigma associated with mental illness;
- “Recognizes that mental well-being is equally as important as physical well-being for citizens, communities, businesses, and the economy in the United States;

- “Applauds the coalescing of national and community organizations in working to promote public awareness of mental health and providing critical information and support to the people and families affected by mental illness;
- “Supports the finding of the President's Commission on Mental Health that the Nation's failure to prioritize mental health is a national tragedy; and
- “Encourages all organizations and health practitioners to use Mental Health Month as an opportunity to promote mental well-being and awareness, ensure access to appropriate services, and support overall quality of life for those living with mental illness.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “More than 57,000,000 people in the United States suffer from mental illness;
- “Approximately 1 in 5 children and adolescents has a diagnosable mental disorder;
- “Major mental illness costs businesses and the United States economy over \$193,000,000,000 per year in lost earnings;
- “Untreated mental illness is a leading cause of absenteeism and lost productivity in the workplace;
- “It would be appropriate to observe May 2010 as Mental Health Month.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1258 was introduced on April 15, 2010 and referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which took no public action.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: A CBO score is unavailable.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: Though the bill contains no earmarks, and there’s no accompanying committee report, the earmarks rule (House Rule XXI, Clause 9(a)) does not apply, by definition, to legislation considered under suspension of the rules.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report stating constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.Res. 1382 - Expressing sympathy to the families of those killed by North Korea in the sinking of the Republic of Korea Ship Cheonan, and solidarity with the Republic of Korea in the aftermath of this tragic incident (*Del. Faleomavaega, D-AS*)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Monday, May 24, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1382 would resolve that the House of Representatives:

- “Expresses its sympathy and condolences to the families and loved ones of the sailors of the Republic of Korea Ship (ROKS) Cheonan who were killed in action on March 26, 2010;
- “Stands in solidarity with the people and the Government of the Republic of Korea in the aftermath of this tragic incident;
- “Reaffirms its enduring commitment to the alliance between the Republic of Korea and the United States and to the security of the Republic of Korea;
- “Supports the findings and conclusions of the investigation report released by the Government of the Republic of Korea on May 20, 2010;
- “Condemns North Korea in the strongest terms for sinking the ROKS Cheonan;
- “Calls for an apology by North Korea for its hostile acts and a commitment by North Korea never to violate the Korean War Armistice Agreement again;
- “Urges the international community to provide all necessary support to the Republic of Korea as the Government of the Republic of Korea prepares to respond to the actions committed by North Korea, which led to sinking of the ROKS Cheonan;
- “Urges the international community to fully and faithfully implement all United Nations Security Council Resolutions pertaining to security on the Korean Peninsula, including United Nations Security Council Resolution 1695 (2006), United Nations Security Council Resolution 1718 (2006), and United Nations Security Council Resolution 1874 (2009); and
- “Further urges the United States, in coordination with its allies and partners, to take other appropriate actions in response to the sinking of the ROKS Cheonan and other hostile acts of North Korea.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “On March 26, 2010, the Republic of Korea Ship (ROKS) Cheonan was sunk by an external explosion in the vicinity of Baengnyeong Island, Republic of Korea;
- “Of the 104 members of the crew of the ROKS Cheonan, 46 were killed in this incident, including 6 lost at sea;
- “On May 20, 2010, the Government of the Republic of Korea released an international investigation report on the circumstances surrounding the sinking of the ROKS Cheonan;
- “The report, conducted by 74 experts, including 24 from the international community and 50 from the Republic of Korea, found conclusive evidence that

- the sinking of the ROKS Cheonan was the result of a torpedo attack made by North Korea, in clear violation of the Korean War Armistice Agreement; and
- “The alliance between the United States and the Republic of Korea has been a vital anchor for security and stability in Asia for more than 50 years.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1382 was introduced on May 20, 2010, and referred to the House Foreign Affairs Committee, which took no public action.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would not authorize any additional expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: Though the bill contains no earmarks, and there’s no accompanying committee report, the earmarks rule (House Rule XXI, Clause 9(a)) does not apply, by definition, to legislation considered under suspension of the rules.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report stating constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.Res. 584 - Recognizing the importance of manufactured and modular housing in the United States (*Donnelly, D-IN*)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Monday, May 24, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 584 would resolve that the House of Representatives:

- “Recognizes the importance of manufactured and modular housing in providing decent, sustainable, and affordable housing;
- “Recognizes the importance of manufactured and modular housing in contributing to homeownership in the United States;
- “Recognizes the importance of homeownership, including homeownership of manufactured and modular homes, in building strong communities and families; and
- “Recognizes and fully supports the goals and ideals of Manufactured and Modular Housing Week and National Homeownership Month.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “Manufactured and modular housing play a vital role in meeting the housing needs of the people of the United States and are an important source of quality, affordable housing, including both homeownership and rental housing;
- “Creating affordable homeownership opportunities helps build communities and requires the cooperation of the private and public sectors, including the Federal Government and State and local governments;
- “The laws of the United States, such as the Manufactured Housing Improvement Act of 2000, encourage manufactured housing homeownership and should continue to do so in the future;
- “The third week of June is recognized as Manufactured and Modular Housing Week.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 584 was introduced on June 25, 2009, and referred to the House Financial Services Committee, which took no public action.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would not authorize any additional expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: Though the bill contains no earmarks, and there’s no accompanying committee report, the earmarks rule (House Rule XXI, Clause 9(a)) does not apply, by definition, to legislation considered under suspension of the rules.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report stating constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.Con.Res. 137 - Expressing the sense of the Congress that the lack of adequate housing must be addressed as a barrier to effective HIV prevention, treatment, and care, and that the United States should make a commitment to providing adequate funding for developing housing as a response to the AIDS pandemic (*Nadler, D-NY*)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Monday, May 24, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Con.Res. 137 resolves that it is the sense of Congress that:

- “Stable and affordable housing is an essential component of an effective strategy for HIV prevention, treatment, and care; and
- “The United States should make a commitment to providing adequate funding for developing housing as a response to the AIDS pandemic.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “Adequate and secure housing for people with human immunodeficiency virus or acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) is a challenge with global dimensions and adequate housing is one of the greatest unmet needs of persons in the United States with HIV/AIDS;
- “The link between poverty and disparities in HIV risk and health outcomes is well established, and new research findings demonstrate the direct relationship between inadequate housing and greater risk of HIV infection, poor health outcomes, and early death;
- “Rates of HIV infection are 3 to 16 times higher among persons who are homeless or unstably housed, 70 percent of all persons living with HIV/AIDS report a lifetime experience of homelessness or housing instability, and the HIV/AIDS death rate is 7 to 9 times higher for homeless adults than for the general population;
- “In spite of the evidence indicating that adequate housing has a direct positive effect on HIV prevention, treatment, and health outcomes, the housing resources devoted to the national response to HIV/AIDS have been inadequate and housing has been largely ignored in policy discussions at the international level; and
- “The Congress recognized the housing needs of people with HIV/AIDS in enacting the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program in 1990 as part of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (Public Law 101-625) and the HOPWA program currently serves 70,000 households.”

Conservative Concern: The resolution resolves that it is the sense of the Congress that “**make a commitment to providing adequate funding for developing housing as a response to the AIDS pandemic.**” Some conservatives may not support increased funding for this purpose, as called for by the resolution. Some conservatives might argue that there are free market ways to provide housing that do not involve increased federal spending.

Committee Action: H.Con.Res. 137 was introduced on June 2, 2009 and was referred to the House Financial Services Committee, which took no public action.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution does not authorize additional expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: Though the bill contains no earmarks, and there's no accompanying committee report, the earmarks rule (House Rule XXI, Clause 9(a)) does not apply, by definition, to legislation considered under suspension of the rules.

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H.R. 5330 - Antitrust Criminal Penalty Enhancement and Reform Extension Act (*Johnson, D-GA*)

Order of Business: The legislation is scheduled to be considered on Monday, May 24, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 5330 provides a 10 year extension of the Antitrust Criminal Penalty Enhancement and Reform Act (ACPERA).

The legislation also amends the ACPERA and allows the court to consider the individual's timeliness when making a determination of cooperation.

H.R. 5330 requires a report be sent by the Comptroller General to the House Judiciary Committee and the Senate Judiciary Committee within one year of enactment.

Additional Information: The House passed H.R. 2675 by voice vote on June 9, 2009, which extended the Antitrust Criminal Penalty Enhancement and Reform Act of 2004 through June 22, 2010. The Antitrust Criminal Penalty Enhancement and Reform Act of 2004 increased the maximum penalty in cases of antitrust crime.

Committee Action: H.R. 5330 was introduced on May 18, 2010 and referred to the House Judiciary Committee, which took no public action.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: A CBO report is unavailable.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: Though the bill contains no earmarks, and there's no accompanying committee report, the earmarks rule (House Rule XXI, Clause 9(a)) does not apply, by definition, to legislation considered under suspension of the rules.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report stating constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.R. 1017— Chiropractic Care Available to All Veterans Act (*Filner, D-CA*)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on Monday, May 24, 2010 under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 1017 amends title 38 of the U.S. Code and the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 to require chiropractic services at all VA medical centers and to expand accesses to such services and care.

Chiropractic care is already provided by 28 practitioners at 36 VA medical centers (VAMCs). The bill requires the VA to expand services from “at least one site for such program in each geographic service area of the Veterans Health Administration” under current law to at least 75 medical centers by December 31, 2011, to 153 medical centers by December 31, 2013.

H.R. 1017 adds chiropractic services to the definition of “medical services” (in addition to medical examination, treatment, and rehabilitative services), “rehabilitative services,” and “preventative health services.”

Committee Action: The bill was introduced on February 12, 2009 and was referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. The bill was amended and reported out of committee by voice vote on May 12, 2010.

Administration Position: A formal Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is unavailable at press time.

Cost to Taxpayers: The bill contains no direct spending. CBO estimated a specified authorization level of \$47 million over five years.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?:
Yes, H.R. 1017 would expand benefits for veterans.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: The Veterans' Affairs Committee, in House Report 111-448, asserts that, "H.R. 1017 does not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives."

Constitutional Authority: The Veterans' Affairs Committee, in House Report 111-488, cites constitutional authority in Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States. House Rule XIII, Section 3(d)(1), requires that all committee reports contain "a statement citing the *specific powers* granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the law proposed by the bill or joint resolution." [*emphasis added*]

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**H.Con.Res. 278 - Expressing the sense of Congress that a grateful Nation supports and salutes Sons and Daughters in Touch on its 20th Anniversary that is being held on Father's Day, 2010, at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, the District of Columbia
(Halvorson, D-IL)**

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Monday, May 24, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Con.Res. 278 would resolve that it is the sense of Congress that:

- "A grateful Nation supports and salutes Sons and Daughters in Touch on its 20th Anniversary that is being held at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, the District of Columbia."

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- "There is virtue in remembering and honoring the service and sacrifice of those who died or remain missing as a result of the war in Southeast Asia and the families and children they left behind;
- "An estimated 20,000 American children lost fathers in the war in Southeast Asia;
- "Sons and Daughters in Touch (SDIT) is the only national organization formed specifically to bring together and support the children and families of these American heroes;
- "Sons and Daughters in Touch is in a unique position to serve as an example to current and future generations of Gold Star families as they bear the painful burden resulting from the selfless sacrifices made by their fathers and mothers in

- wartime service to the Nation, and SDIT can also serve as a resilient example to all nations affected by war; and
- “Sons and Daughters in Touch will celebrate its 20th anniversary, which is being held on Father's Day, 2010, at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, the District of Columbia.”

Additional Information: [Sons and Daughters in Touch](#) seeks “To locate, unite and provide support to Sons, Daughters and other family members of those who died or remain missing as a result of the Vietnam War; To produce a quarterly newsletter providing important information to all SDIT stake holders; To promote healing via networking and special projects, to regularly address high schools and college classes in hopes of providing education on the historical and emotional legacy of War.”

Committee Action: H.Con.Res. 278 was introduced on May 13, 2010 and was referred to the House Veterans’ Affairs Committee, which took no public action.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would not authorize any additional expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: Though the bill contains no earmarks, and there’s no accompanying committee report, the earmarks rule (House Rule XXI, Clause 9(a)) does not apply, by definition, to legislation considered under suspension of the rules.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report stating constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.R. 3885 - Veterans Dog Training Therapy Act (Brown, R-SC)

Order of Business: The legislation is scheduled to be considered on Monday, May 24, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 3885 authorizes a pilot program to be created by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. The program shall assess the effectiveness of addressing disabled veterans post-deployment mental health by issuing training service dogs.

The legislation list criteria selecting medical centers for the pilot program, and list requirements for the design of the program.

A veteran with post-traumatic stress disorder may volunteer to participate in the pilot program if the Secretary determines there are adequate program resources available to that veteran. When hiring service dog instructors, the Secretary shall give preference to veterans who have successfully graduated from post-traumatic stress disorder programs, and who have received adequate certification in assistance dog training.

A yearly report is required to be sent to Congress detailing:

- “The number of veterans participating in the pilot program;
- “A description of the services carried out by the Secretary under the pilot program;
- “The effects that participating in the pilot program has on the following—
 - “Symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder and post-deployment adjustment difficulties, including depression, maintenance of sobriety, suicidal ideations, and homelessness;
 - “Potentially relevant physiological markers that possibly relate to the interactions with the service dogs;
 - “Family dynamics;
 - “Insomnia and pain management; and
 - “Overall well being; and
- “The recommendations of the Secretary with respect to the extension or expansion of the pilot program.”

Committee Action: H.R. 3885 was introduced on October 21, 2009 and referred to the House Veterans’ Affairs Subcommittee on Health. A markup was held in the subcommittee on October 22, 2009 and the legislation was approved by voice vote. A full committee markup was held on May 12, 2010 and the legislation was approved by voice vote.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: CBO estimates that implementing this legislation would “cost \$7 million over the 2011-2015 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts.”

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: Yes. The legislation creates a pilot program under the Secretary of Veterans’ Affairs.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: Though the bill contains no earmarks, and there’s

no accompanying committee report, the earmarks rule (House Rule XXI, Clause 9(a)) does not apply, by definition, to legislation considered under suspension of the rules.

Constitutional Authority: House Report 111-490 cites Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States for constitutional authority.

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H.R. 5145—Assuring Quality Care for Veterans Act (*McNerney, D-CA*)

Summary: H.R. 5145 amends title 38 of the U.S. Code to allow for the Secretary to increase reimbursements for continuing professional education and expand eligibility to all health professionals employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Under current law, VA reimbursed up to \$1,000 per year for continuing professional education expenses for *only* full-time board-certified physicians or dentists employed by the Veterans Health Administration (VHA).

H.R. 5145 would increase the reimbursement amount for continuing professional education “required to maintain licensure” for health professionals to \$1,600 (to reflect the effect of inflation since 1991).

Finally, the bill states that health professionals may not receive reimbursed for the same continuing education expenses provided at a Department medical center.

According to VHA, currently there are over 9,500 employees eligible for the program but few request reimbursements as many educational opportunities are provided at VHA facilities for free. CBO estimates that while nearly 94,000 employees would be eligible under H.R. 5145, “VHA would reimburse \$1,000 each to about 9,300 employees a year.”

Committee Action: The bill was introduced on April 27, 2009 and was referred to the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs. The bill was reported out of committee by voice vote on May 12, 2010.

Administration Position: A formal Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) was unavailable at press time.

Cost to Taxpayers: While the bill contains no direct spending, CBO estimated a specified authorization level of \$42 million over five years.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?:

Yes, H.R. 5145 would expand and increase payments to all health professionals employed by VA.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: The Veterans' Affairs Committee, in House Report 111-449, asserts that, "H.R. 5145 does not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives."

Constitutional Authority: The Veterans' Affairs Committee, in House Report 111-489, cites constitutional authority in Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States. House Rule XIII, Section 3(d)(1), requires that all committee reports contain "a statement citing the *specific powers* granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the law proposed by the bill or joint resolution." *[emphasis added]*

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**H.Res. 1353 - Supporting the goals and ideals of Student Financial Aid Awareness Month to raise awareness of student financial aid
(Bishop, D-NY)**

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Monday, May 24, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1353 would resolve that the House of Representatives:

- "Supports the goals and ideals of Student Financial Aid Awareness Month;
- "Encourages students and families across the United States to participate in Student Financial Aid Awareness Month; and
- "Recognizes the importance of educating students and families about Federal Student Financial Aid."

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- "Efforts to increase awareness about student financial aid options are necessary for students across the United States to receive all of the financial aid available to them;
- "Increasing awareness about the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) ensures that more eligible students may benefit from Federal financial assistance;
- "Increasing access to Federal financial aid helps reduce students' reliance on costly private loans; and

- “Student Financial Aid Awareness Month will help call attention to the critical role financial assistance plays in helping students attending an institution of higher education.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1353 was introduced on May 12, 2010 and was referred to the House Education and Labor Committee, which took no public action.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would not authorize any additional expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: Though the bill contains no earmarks, and there’s no accompanying committee report, the earmarks rule (House Rule XXI, Clause 9(a)) does not apply, by definition, to legislation considered under suspension of the rules.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report stating constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.Res. 1169 - Honoring the 125th anniversary of Rollins College (Grayson, D-FL)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Monday, May 24, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1169 would resolve that the House of Representatives:

- “Honors Rollins College on the joyous occasion of its 125th anniversary, recognizes its unwavering commitment to liberal arts education, and expresses its best wishes for continued success.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “The motto of Rollins College is ‘Fiat Lux’, meaning ‘Let There Be Light’ and, indeed, there has been light at Rollins from the beginning;
- “For the fifth consecutive year, Rollins College ranked No. 1 among 117 Southern master’s-level universities, in the annual rankings of ‘America’s Best Colleges’ in U.S. News & World Report;

- “In 1949, Rollins College was the first institution of higher education in the South to present an honorary degree to an African-American, namely Mary McLeod Bethune; and
- “Rollins College is committed to excellence not only in the classroom but also on the playing field, having won more than 20 NCAA national championships, and being a founder of intercollegiate rowing in the South, as well as intercollegiate soccer across Central Florida.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1169 was introduced on March 11, 2010 and referred to the House Education and Labor Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness, which took no public action.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would not authorize any additional expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: Though the bill contains no earmarks, and there’s no accompanying committee report, the earmarks rule (House Rule XXI, Clause 9(a)) does not apply, by definition, to legislation considered under suspension of the rules.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report stating constitutional authority is unavailable.

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**H.Res. 1161 - Honoring the Centennial Celebration of Women at Marquette University, the first Catholic university in the world to offer co-education as part of its regular undergraduate program
(Moore, D-WI)**

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Monday, May 24, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1161 would resolve that the House of Representatives:

- “Honors the Centennial Celebration of Women at Marquette University and commends the largest independent institution in Wisconsin for continuing to fulfill its Catholic, Jesuit mission of offering premier higher educational opportunities to all students who have a desire to learn.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “Marquette University was founded in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1881 as a Catholic, Jesuit educational institution;
- “Today, 53 percent of Marquette University students, 7 of the 33 members of the board of trustees, and 12 of the 27 members of the university leadership council are women;
- “The Educational Opportunity Program continues Marquette University's tradition of serving as a model of success for more than 1,200 colleges and universities with Federally funded TRIO programs;
- “Marquette University continues to adhere to its tenet of asking who has yet to gain access to higher education and who needs support in succeeding once through the door.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1161 was introduced on March 10, 2010 and was referred to the House Education and Labor Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness, which took no public action.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would not authorize any additional expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: Though the bill contains no earmarks, and there's no accompanying committee report, the earmarks rule (House Rule XXI, Clause 9(a)) does not apply, by definition, to legislation considered under suspension of the rules.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report stating constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.Res. 1372 - Honoring the University of Georgia Graduate School on the occasion of its centennial (Broun, R-GA)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Monday, May 24, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1372 would resolve that the House of Representatives:

- “Recognizes the centennial of the founding and organization of the University of Georgia Graduate School; and
- “Expresses sincere appreciation to the students and administrators who contribute to the growth and success of the University of Georgia Graduate School.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “On June 10, 1910, the University of Georgia organized its graduate education practices under the guidance of Professor Willis Henry Boccock, who became the first dean of the Graduate School;
- “The Graduate School has awarded master's, specialist, and doctoral degrees to more than 73,000 individuals who occupy leadership roles in school systems, institutions of higher learning, business, government, and nonprofit organizations;
- “The Graduate School includes more than 350 fields of study and contributes to new knowledge and advancements in academic research; and
- “Graduate School graduates have made significant contributions to the economic development and competitiveness of the State of Georgia and the United States.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1372 was introduced on May 19, 2010 and was referred to the House Education and Labor Committee, which took no public action.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would not authorize any additional expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: Though the bill contains no earmarks, and there’s no accompanying committee report, the earmarks rule (House Rule XXI, Clause 9(a)) does not apply, by definition, to legislation considered under suspension of the rules.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report stating constitutional authority is unavailable.

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